



FORT LEONARD WOOD RETIREE COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF MEETING 20 MAY 2004

Meeting called to order by Co-Chairman, Brigadier General Arvid E. West, Jr. USA (Ret) at 0900 hours. CSM Baxter led the council and guests in the pledge of allegiance.

**Members present:**

BG Arvid E. West, Jr, USA (Ret), Co-Chairperson  
COL James H. Kuhn, USA (Ret)  
COL J. Brian Morrissey, USA (Ret)  
CAPT Don W. Marshall, USPHS (Ret)  
MAJ G. Michael Warren, USA (Ret)  
MAJ Wayne A. Strohschein, USA (Ret)  
CSM Harold G. Baxter, USA, (Ret)  
CSM Julius Nutter, USA (Ret), Co-Chairperson  
CSM Mack E. Williams, USA (Ret), Chairman, Springfield Area Council  
1SG Wilmetta J. Herbert, USA (Ret)  
1SG Olan Payne, USA (Ret)  
SR MSG Jeanie V. Kellas, USAF (Ret)  
SFC Donald J. Price, USA (Ret), Chairman, St Louis Area Council  
SFC George N. Launius, USA (Ret)  
SP6 William L. Shy, USA (Ret)

**Members excused:**

BG Leigh R. Wilson, USA (Ret)  
COL Marion F. Thurston, Jr., USA (Ret) Emeritus  
LTC Norbert F. Pohlman, USA (Ret), Chairman, Quincy, IL Area Council  
LTC Mary Bess, USA (Ret)  
SFC Joseph P. Krill, Jr., USA (Ret)  
SSG Gerald A. Dawson, USA (Ret)  
SP6 William L. Shy, USA (Ret)  
Spouse Cheryl R. Buckmaster, Retiree Spouse

**Members absent:**

LTC John D. Abshier, USA (Ret)

SGM Don R. Bingham, USA (Ret), Chairman, Lebanon Area Council

**MANSCEN STAFF**

Mr. Jesse J. French AG/MILPO

CSM James Cheney Garrison Cmd

**Guest Present:**

Tammy Call DMWR

Mark Premont SPAR/RAI

Beverly Rowe, MILPO

Darlene Kelley, MILPO

1. Members were thanked for being present. Guests were introduced and welcomed
2. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the meeting of 19 February 2004.
3. Committee Reports
  - A. Retiree Assistance – CSM Baxter – currently has 19 active volunteers.
  - B. Health Care Board – 1SG Herbert –no report.
  - C. Installation Commissary/Post Exchange Advisor Council – COL Morrissey – minutes of the council meeting for 11 May 2004 meeting were presented. Highlights noted were - Commissary renovation update progress was noted. August is anticipated completion date with tentative 20 September 2004 grand re-opening scheduled; price changes complaint was responded to noting prices do change 1 & 15 of month but customers will never pay more than cost; diesel fuel pump is being looked into with the new gas station; garden center is moved to back of PX; ground breaking for new PX planned for Sept/Oct.
  - D. Morale, Welfare and Recreation Advisory Council – SFC Krill – minutes of their last meeting were presented for information and discussion.
  - E. Retiree Council Financial Statement – 1SG Herbert – it was reported that currently the account had \$4,067.25. Motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the report.

- F. Widowed Support Program – CSM Williams reported for LTC Bess – there is still a problem getting names of newly widowed in a timely fashion. A reminder is that the program is open to those outside the local community and outside of the military. Main focus is still on grief support but also provides referral services for other needs. BG West indicated there is supposed to be a data base now available listing all widows/widowers.
- G. Legislative – BG West & CSM Williams– reported on the benefit that the commissary is to retirees and that commissary variable pricing has been rejected. Indicated Missouri tax relief on military pay has been raised. Read a letter from Senator Bond stating appreciation for CSM Williams' services. CSM Williams emphasized the need to provide retiree input to legislators, both at state and federal level on subjects we are concerned about like concurrent receipt, TriCare and SBP changes.

4. **Area Council Reports:**

- A. Lebanon – SGM Bingham - no report
- B. Quincy – LTC Pohlman – no report
- C. Springfield – CSM Williams – reported on their group involvement in legislative concerns.
- D. St. Louis – SFC Price – their concern remains TriCare For Life and wanting to push for greater co-pays.

5. **Old Business**

- A. RAD Sub-Committee reports – Dates are 10-11 September. Change was because of conflict of use for Nutter Field House. Col Dalton Wright is the guest speaker. Committee will be meeting following the council meeting.
  - 1. Retiree of the Year – CSM Baxter reported on the names submitted. Nominations were accepted by vote and approved. Selection was for CSM Richard R. McCauley. Motion was made and approved for up to \$100 be spent on a plaque for the honoree.
  - 2. Dinner menu – cost set at \$12.70 per person but people will be charged \$10 in advance and \$12 at door.
  - 3. Prizes – reminded council members they could not solicit prizes etc. from business as a retiree council member. The Names of willing business can be given to CSM Nutter for him to follow-up.
- B. Other Old Business – no other items presented.
- C. Issues for Chief of Staff Retiree Council – none presented



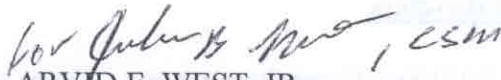
6. New Business

A. Hospital Commander - COL Niranjan Balliram – noted that we should expect some reduced clinic operating hours due to the need to process individuals and units demobilizing. He is working on increasing contract providers. The 13.4 million dollar renovation project is in process and is expected to last for up to 2 years. Reported on need for more Red Cross volunteers. TriCare Prime will be offered in Springfield via a network hopefully by 1 October 2004. This will be done by contract with Health services. The hospital change of command still set for 9 July.

D. Fort Leonard Wood community issues – Col Abney reported status on the upgrading of all the gates. West gate hopefully will be opening in May. Residential initiatives are moving along nicely. Exodus has been cancelled. Enforce O5 has been cancelled. BRAC briefing went well. Reported on civilian personnel issues.

E. BG West reported he is now a member of the State Veterans Commission.

7. Next Scheduled Meeting: Room 2224, Building 470, Community Service Center, Building 470, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri at 0900 hours 19 August 2004

  
ARVID E. WEST, JR.  
BG, USA (RET)  
Presiding Co-Chairman